## NOTICE OF A DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS TO U.S. 301 BYPASS FROM MAY DRIVE (STATE ROAD 1836) TO N.C. 43/48 (BENVENUE ROAD).

TIP Project No. U-3330

Nash County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation will hold an informal Design Public Hearing on Thursday, June 17, 2010, between the hours of 2:00pm and 6:30pm at the Rocky Mount Shrine Club, located at 320 Airport Road in Rocky Mount.

NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal setting to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions also will be provided. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the hearing. No formal presentations will be made.

NCDOT proposes to add an additional lane in each direction of the U.S. 301 Bypass from May Drive (State Road 1836) to N.C. 43/48 (Benvenue Road). The purpose of the project is to increase vehicular capacity and to enhance traffic flow throughout the corridor.

It is also proposed to replace the bridge over Stoney Creek with a longer structure to accommodate increasing floodwaters and to replace the U.S. 64 Business bridge over U.S. 301 to provide adequate clearance to accommodate the widening of the U.S. 301 Bypass. Additional right-of-way acquisition and the relocation of homes and businesses may be required for this project.

A map displaying the location and design of the project and a copy of the Environmental Assessment are available for public review at the NCDOT District Engineer's Office at 3013 U.S. 64A in Nashville, as well as the Rocky Mount Planning and Development Department, located on the second floor of City Hall at 331 South Franklin St.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Jamille Robbins of the NCDOT Human Environment Unit at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, by phone at (919) 431-6500 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:jarobbins@ncdot.gov">jarobbins@ncdot.gov</a>. Additional comments on the project may be submitted until July 17.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Robbins as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.